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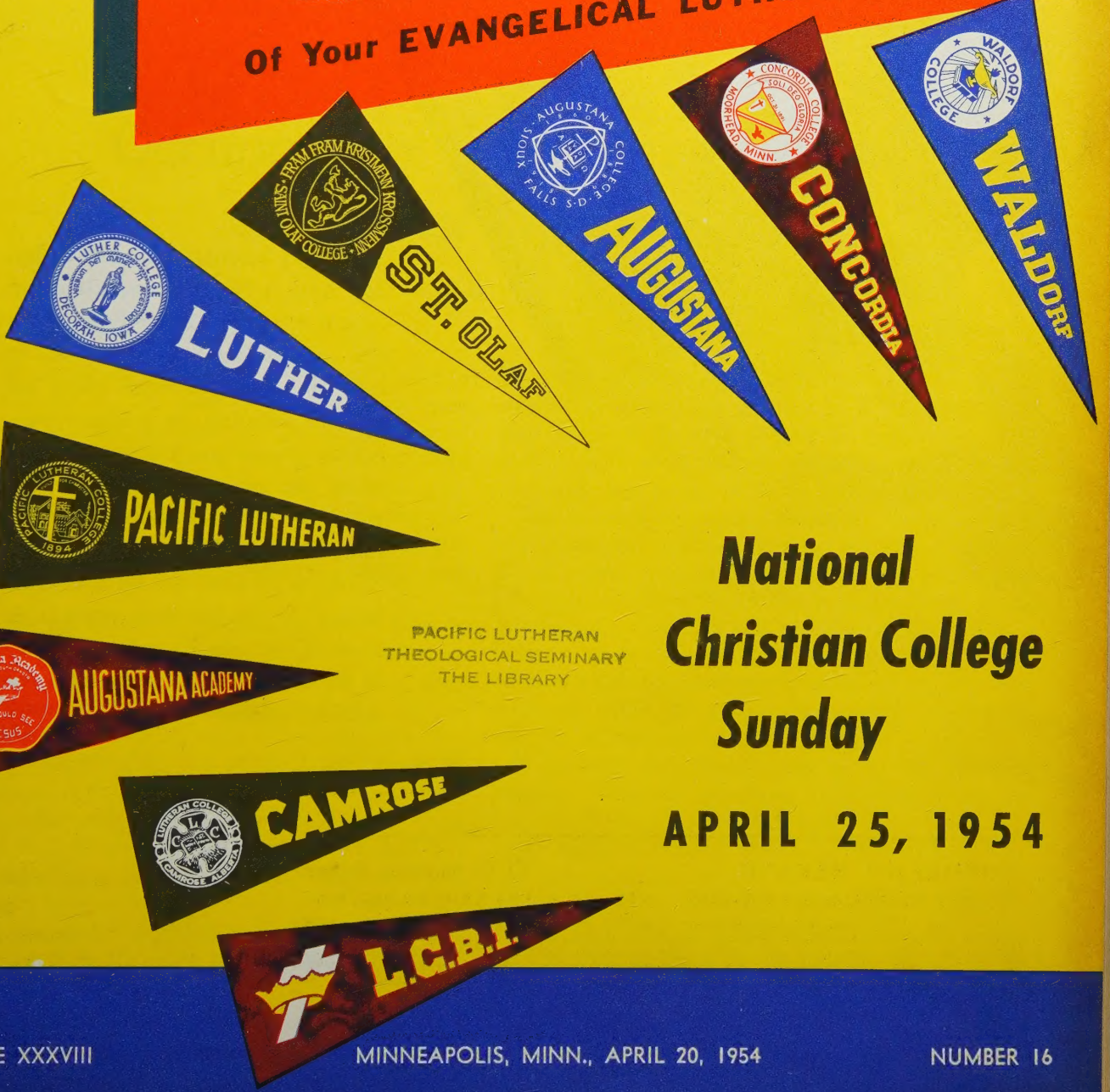

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April 25 is National Christian College Sunday. April is Higher Education month. It is natural to focus attention upon our seminaries, colleges, high schools in these days because it is the time when young men and women preparing to graduate from high schools all over our land begin to ask themselves the question "What now?" What now? For those who hope and plan to continue their education the Church says . . . "There is no substitute for a Christian education." In the following pages is the testimony of the Church's concern for the welfare of its youth, and the invitation to use these splendid schools.

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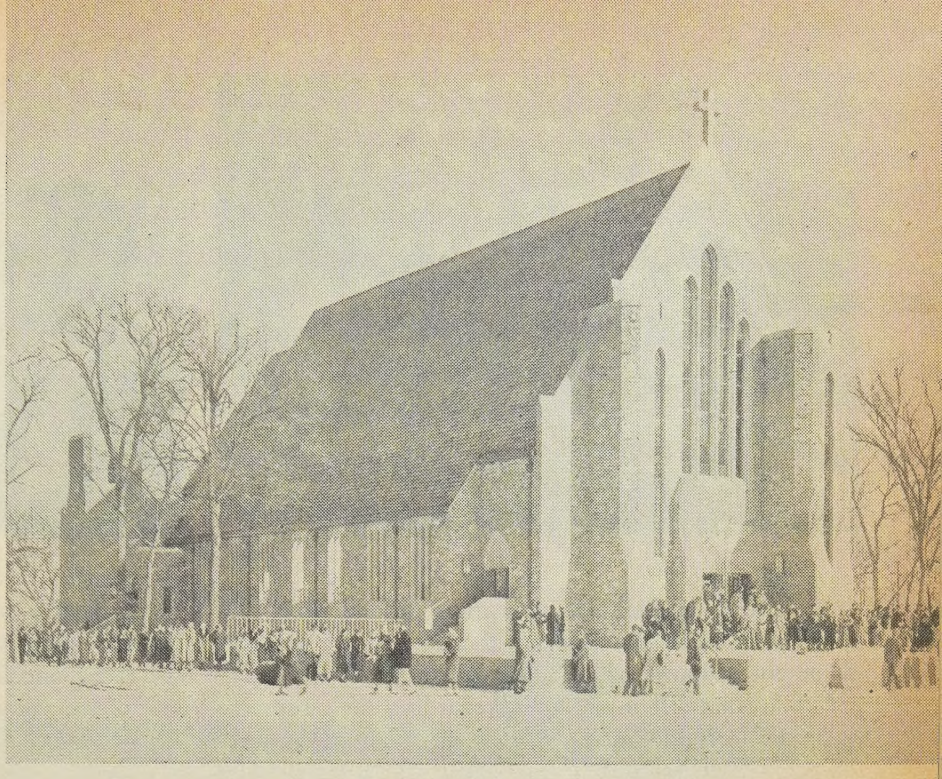
The ELC Student Conference was held at Augustana College, March 12-14. It was at the Conference dinner that Pastor Selmer Heen, Eastside Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, delivered this stimulating and thought-provoking address.



Chapel Services
St. Olaf College

Occupational Christians for the Church of Tomorrow

Selmer Heen

. man of significance in the history of our Lutheran hurch was the late Dr. Lars W. Boe, for many years resident of St. Olaf College. One day he called on a ealthy church member in the college territory. After lling about the need of the college, Dr. Boe said, 'd like to get a thousand dollars from you for this use." The college constitutent, who had been think-g that maybe he could spare twenty-five dollars, was rrified.

"Man, are you crazy? A thousand dollars! I have to ve, don't I?"

Dr. Boe's only comment was in the form of a ques-on: "Tell me, just why do you have to live?"

The college president left without receiving any con-lbution, probably feeling that he had failed completely his mission. A few weeks later a letter arrived in the esident's office with a substantial check enclosed. More nportant than the money was the fact that a man was rred into facing a question of crucial urgency: "Just hy do you have to live?"

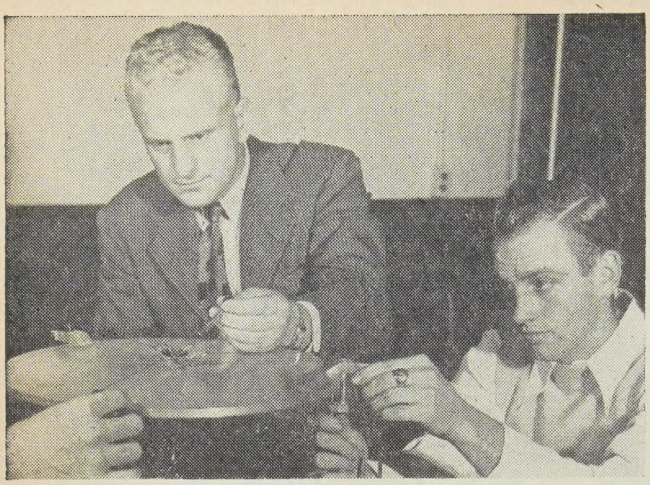
One of the sadder tragedies is the frequency of our ilure to pause in the day's occupation to ask, "Why we live?"

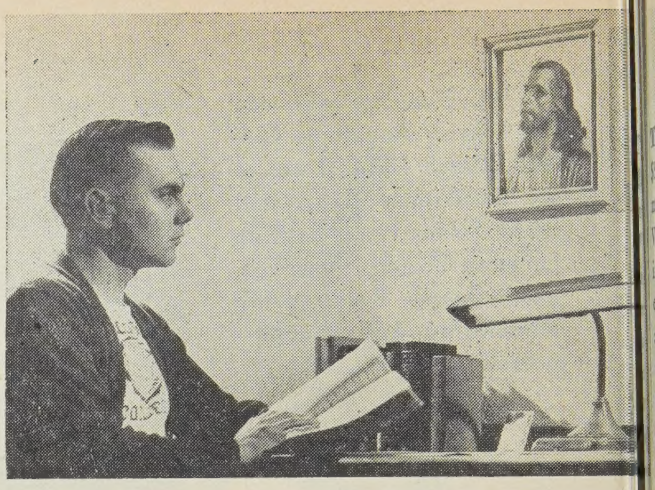
Entrusted to the holy Church on earth is the high and compelling mission of guiding men and women to their place in the total scheme of things. For what shall it profit us if we gain the whole world of techniques but lose awareness of the ends of life?

The primary purpose of Christian Education is to enable persons to think in terms of ends, to evaluate life in terms of ultimates. The final test of Christian Education is the extent to which it contributes to the forming of an attitude—an attitude which relates the moment to eternity, which connects cause and consequence, which comprehends the relative in a context of absolutes, which judges the contemporary and the current by reference to abiding realities.

If suddenly there should come to you the impudent inquiry, "What are you living for? What comes first with you?" would you have a ready reply? Would there be an adequate answer? What is the fundamental strategy underlying our days?

In the battle of life, you and I make a regrettable number of individual mistakes and we are sinners who sin daily. But we must not make mistakes in strategy, in the general plan of our days. In basketball a man





may fumble the ball. He may mess up a dribble. But there is no excuse for him not to know where the goal is, or not to know what it is to score.

We are not left in the dark regarding life's supreme purpose. It is indicated concisely in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." The Lord Jesus insists that even such necessities as food and clothing and shelter are to be matters of secondary importance to the Christian. God intends every member of the human family to have one great vocation. All of us are called by God to have as our vocation the seeking first of the Kingdom Eternal. Our occupation or trade or job or profession should serve the useful purpose of being a particular tool to bring to pass the Kingdom of God. Our *occupation* is to be the tool of our *vocation.*

A resolution adopted by the Lutheran World Federation Assembly at Hannover gets at this matter by saying: "God's call is the 'vocation' that no Christian can entirely silence or evade. Over and above my occupation, I have a vocation. Over and above the necessity of earning a living is the call to live my life for Him. His call must control my life in my home, my leisure, and my play, my every waking moment. 'Whether ye eat or drink, whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God.'"

A high school girl, impatiently struggling with a sink full of dirty dishes, turned to her mother, who was drying dishes near by, to say in utter disgust, "Mother, how do you stand washing dishes every day of every week of every year?" Very honestly that Christian mother was able to say, "My dear, I'm not washing dishes; I am building a home for God." That mother had a sense of Christian vocation. She thought in terms of ends; she evaluated life in terms of ultimates. She was equipped with an attitude which related the moment to eternity—even though that moment was surrounded by a mess of dirty dishes. For this Christia mother, work was not something one does to live, b the thing one lives to do. She made her occupation tool of her vocation—the area in which she offered he self to God.

There are some practical conclusions for our wor days in the summary of the moral law, "You shall lov the Lord your God with all your heart and with all you soul and with all your mind." Among other concept this means that a person should do the work for whic he is best fitted by nature and temperament. Too ofte the employer is handicapped by the idea that he mu find cheap labor. Just as often the employee is hand capped by the idea that the best-paying job is the jo for him.

It is only occasionally and inadequately that we fac the issue squarely and ask, "What kind of person i suited to this kind of work?" This question must be come a concern of the Church. If, in our workin hours, we are like square pegs attempting to find loca tion in round holes, how can we in the frustratin misery that results serve God *in* our work with all ou heart and mind and soul? From the Christian point o view, work is not something one does to live, but th thing one lives to do. For the Christian, daily work should be an adequate expression of the worker's talents the thing in which he finds spiritual, mental, and bodily satisfaction and the area in which he offers himself to God.

For the Christian, work should never be a necessary drudgery to be endured for the sake of earning a living Daily work should be a way of life—a way of life in which the Christian demonstrates faithful stewardship in handling the personal equipment which the Lord has given him.

If our occupation is to be a tool of our vocation, then we must work for the sake of doing well a thing that is well worth doing. It follows, then, that the question we should ask first concerning any career is not, "What

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How Much Did You Budget?
$915,000

The General Convention of our Church in 1952 budgeted $915,000 for Christian Education. This action was the testimony of a responsible people in a responsible Church. When the Church School Cost of Living Special Ingathering of 1951-52 was excluded, the budget of $915,000 for each of the years 1953 and 1954 represented an increase of almost $300,000. This increase was primarily used to bolster the salary structure and cost of operating our two theological seminaries, five senior colleges, two junior colleges, and three high schools. It is the purpose of this edition of LUTHERAN HERALD to render an accounting of these funds.

How Much Did You Give?
$897,946

In 1953 a total of $897,946 was received by Christian Education in the budget ingathering. This represented splendid response, but it is only natural to hope that the full amount which had been budgeted would be forthcoming. The bulk of the funds for education are used to assist in the operation of *existing* programs in all areas of Christian learning. A shortage, therefore, however small, reflects itself immediately in the day-by-day programs in the schools. None of the funds allocated to Christian education are used for capital purposes; that is, to construct new buildings or expand the physical plants in any schools.

WHAT DID WE DO WITH THE MONEY YOU GAVE US?

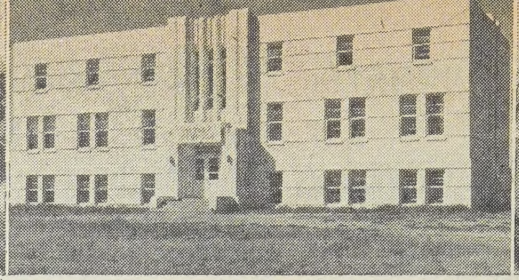
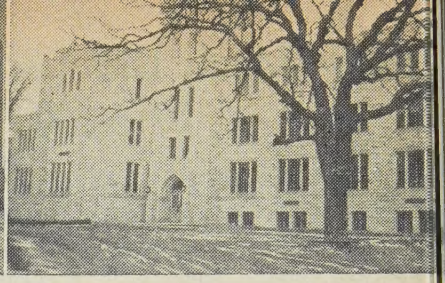
AN ACCOUNTING OF STEWARDSHIP IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

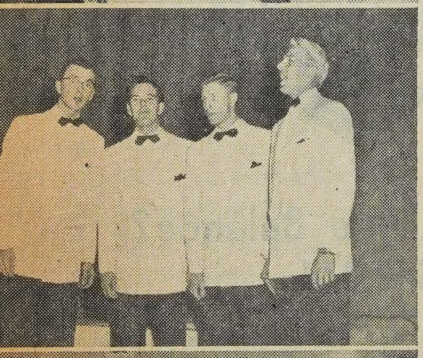
How Much Did We Spend?
$938,820

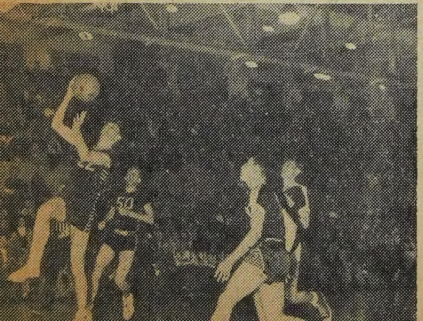
The Department of Christian Education spent $938,820 or $40,874 more than was received from the 1953 budget ingathering. On the following pages these expenditures have been broken down for your review. It can also be seen that $23,820 more was spent than was budgeted. These additional expenses are explainable by remembering that the Department assumed its share (30.1 per cent) of the cost of new projects initiated by the Church after the adoption of the budget in 1952. All departments absorb their share of such new or expanded costs on the basis of each department's percentage share of the income. The Board of Christian Education decided that it was imperative that all commitments should be met, if at all possible. With the exception of one item, the annual payment of $5,000 on three houses purchased from the Department of Foreign Missions located adjacent to and to be used by Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, this policy of full payment was realized.

How Did We Balance?
$40,874

The total budget receipts were $897,946 and the total expenditures were $938,820. A deficit of $40,874 thus existed. How was this shortage made up and a balance achieved? The *General Fund* of the Church received $56,030 in 1953. This fund is administered by the Board of Trustees and if, in its judgment, allocations should be made for certain worthwhile projects it may do so. The Board of Trustees allocated $30,000 of this fund to Education to assist the department to meet its commitments. The balance of the deficit, or $10,874, was taken from the reserve funds of the Department of Christian Education. These funds, the balance of which is $50,000, are held in reserve for the purpose of equalizing shortages so that the ongoing program of the Church will not be sharply curtailed by circumstances. *Therefore, it should be said that the total amount of the receipts of the Department was $897,946 plus $30,000 or $927,946.* Let us now see how the department distributed its funds.





We Allocated $695,207

for Our Seminaries, Schools and Colleges

School	Budgeted	Paid I
LUTHER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY St. Paul, Minnesota	$145,000	$143,2
LUTHER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	12,000	13,3
AUGUSTANA COLLEGE Sioux Falls, South Dakota	75,929	75,9
CONCORDIA COLLEGE Moorhead, Minnesota	95,659	95,6
LUTHER COLLEGE Decorah, Iowa	83,675	83,6
PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE Parkland, Washington	83,959	83,9
ST. OLAF COLLEGE Northfield, Minnesota	134,275	134,2
CLIFTON JUNIOR COLLEGE Clifton, Texas	13,000	12,9
WALDORF JUNIOR COLLEGE Forest City, Iowa	25,000	25,0
AUGUSTANA ACADEMY Canton, South Dakota	12,000	12,0
CAMROSE LUTHERAN COLLEGE Camrose, Alberta, Canada	6,500	6,5
LUTHERAN COLLEGIATE BIBLE INSTITUTE Outlook, Saskatchewan, Canada	5,000	5,0
TEXAS LUTHERAN COLLEGE* Seguin, Texas	3,600	3,6
Totals	$695,597	$695,2

How Do We Determine Each School's Share?

All of the following plans for the distribution of funds are the result of careful an detailed studies by the members of the Board of Christian Education and staff personnel. I all instances these plans are formulated in consultation with the presidents of all the schoo and the Board of Trustees of the Church. First, the general financial welfare of the schoo is noted; second, the needs are evaluated; third, the budget is proposed to the Board o Trustees; fourth, after its study the Board of Trustees submits the recommended budge to the General Convention of the Church; fifth, when the Church has voted the budget th Board of Christian Education again begins to study the distribution of funds in consultatio with the college presidents.

(1) The theological seminaries submit their budgets which are approved and the fund made available.

(2) The senior colleges receive their funds on the basis of the following formula: (a) thirt per cent of the total funds ($471,500 in 1953) is divided equally by the five senior colleges (b) the balance of the funds budgeted is divided on the basis of the ratio of full-tim students enrolled in each college to the total number of full-time students in all of the fiv colleges.

(3) The needs of the junior colleges are studied and appropriations made on the basis o the needs and in ratio to the amounts made available to the senior colleges.

(4) The high schools receive approximately $52 per student, based on the enrollment o the year prior to the budget year.

*This is a subsidy. Texas Lutheran is a college of the American Lutheran Church.

How Much Did It Cost to Run Our Schools?

1952-1953

Our schools are the largest enterprise of the Church. In the academic year 1952-1953 (usually July 1 to June 30) our schools spent for all purposes of operation $5,327,027.26. Of this amount, as shown on the opposite page, $693,210 was provided directly by the Church. This amount represents about 13 per cent of the total cost. Where did the balance come from? About 75 per cent comes from student fees; 5 per cent from auxiliary enterprises (dormitories, dining facilities, bookstores); 4-5 per cent from interest and earnings of endowments and trust funds; 4-8 per cent from miscellaneous sources such as gifts, grants, bequests, and in certain instances sales. The following indicates the cost of operation in each school for 1952-1953. Here is truly a work of faith!

The Cost and Enrollments

LUTHER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
St. Paul, Minnesota

Total Expenditures ..... $ 143,285.00
Total Enrollment 395

LUTHER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Total Expenditures ..... $ 13,326.00
Total Enrollment 30

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Total Expenditures ..... $ 492,918.59
Total Enrollment 724

CONCORDIA COLLEGE
Moorhead, Minnesota

Total Expenditures ..... $ 914,633.65
Total Enrollment 1,111

LUTHER COLLEGE
Decorah, Iowa

Total Expenditures ..... $ 726,612.99
Total Enrollment 894

PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE
Parkland, Washington

Total Expenditures ..... $ 666,760.71
Total Enrollment 863

ST. OLAF COLLEGE
Northfield, Minnesota

Total Expenditures 1,867,214.84
Total Enrollment 1,514

CLIFTON COLLEGE
Clifton, Texas

Total Expenditures 40,550.66
Total Enrollment 18

WALDORF COLLEGE
Forest City, Iowa

Total Expenditures 206,639.80
Total Enrollment 217

AUGUSTANA ACADEMY
Canton, South Dakota

Total Expenditures 158,813.14
Total Enrollment 230

CAMROSE LUTHERAN COLLEGE
Camrose, Alberta

Total Expenditures 44,684.04
Total Enrollment 142

LUTHERAN COLLEGIATE BIBLE INSTITUTE
Outlook, Saskatchewan

Total Expenditures 51,587.84
Total Enrollment 136

TOTAL EXPENDITURES $5,327,027.26
TOTAL ENROLLMENTS 6,274

Where Did the Balance Go?

TOTAL SPENT	$938,946
For Schools	695,207
Balance	$243,739

Board of Trustees of the ELC, in conference with several church officers.

(Photos are by the Audio-Visual Service, Augustana Lutheran Church)

The Department of Christian Education moves forward on a wide and diversified front. Its activities range from formal schools to the great field of parish education. The following distribution of funds indicates the many activities which the Church sponsors. In addition there are allocated to the Department its share of the cost of certain administrative departments of the Church.

PARISH EDUCATION ..... $ 59,899

A separate report is made by Dr. J. C. K. Preus on parish education in this issue and a complete report is submitted to the readers of the Lutheran Herald.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION AND AUXILIARIES 141,351

This item represents the share which the Department of Education allocated to: (a) church administration such as Public Relations, Stewardship and Treasurer's office; and, (b) to WMF, LDR, Brotherhood, Placement Service, Book Mission, and Choral Union.

HOSPITALS 1,500

To assist Fairview, Lutheran Deaconess Hospitals in Chicago and Brooklyn to teach courses in Christianity in their Nursing Education curriculums.

AUDITS 8,340

The Department audits the books of the senior and junior colleges. This is the cost of the service.

DEPARTMENT OPERATION 32,047

This is the cost of operating the Department of Education, Board expenses, workshops, promotion, supplies, rent, salaries.

ABIDING MEMORIAL FOUNDATION 2,602

The cost of the Abiding Memorial Foundation of the ELC is shared by all of the departments. This is the Department of Education's share.

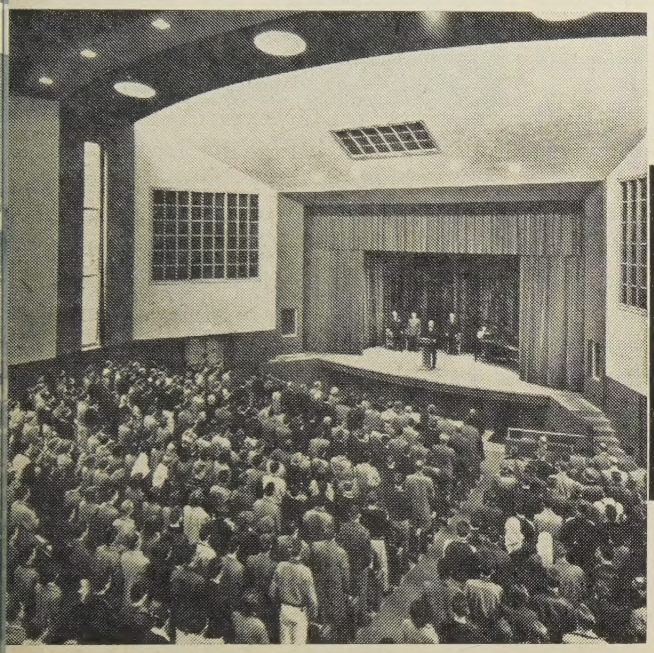
TOTAL $243,739

Your Schools and Colleges • 1953

ORVILLE DAHL

THE calendar year 1953 marked a period of problem-solving and growth for our schools and colleges. To appreciate the whole picture it is necessary to treat each area separately.

I. *Enrollments.* In the fall of 1953 (academic year 1953-54) it was noted that an improvement over even the previous year's gain of 5.6 per cent was made. The seminaries held their enrollments, with a few added to the student body of the seminary in Saskatoon. The senior colleges continued to gain, with an over-all increase of about 4.9 per cent. The junior college picture



Chapel Services, Pacific Lutheran College

continued to deteriorate, primarily because of the closing of Clifton College on January 22, 1954. Waldorf College decreased slightly but continued to hold its traditional number of slightly more than 200 students. The secondary schools in Canada became crowded, with Camrose College enrolling 138 boys and girls and Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute at Outlook (formerly SLBI) enrolling 130 boys and girls.

Last fall there were 6,048 students attending the twelve school and colleges of our Church. Secondary schools had 490 students as compared with 498 last year. In the five senior colleges and two junior colleges there were 5,170 students. The two seminaries had 430 students.

The outlook for enrollment increases continues to be bright, but at points it is charged with over-optimism. It is generally agreed that student fees which provide about 75 per cent of the total income of private and church colleges have reached their optimum level (at least for the time being), and in view of that situation a tightening national economy can create an equally tightening economic situation for students and their parents. The pressure of secular institutions, serving vast geographical areas of the Church, continues unabated, and, if anything, is increasing in the competition for students and in favorable acceptance by the student and parental mind. In most of our institutions it is doubtful if enrollments can increase extensively without the expenditure of substantial sums of money for capital improvements and additions.

II. *Finances, Senior Colleges.* The five senior colleges closed their fiscal years without deficit. The total budgets for all five colleges was $4,796,734.15, of which $471,500, or about 10 per cent, came from the church budget. The total net worth of the five senior colleges was $15,895,868 in 1953.

The budgets adopted for 1953-54 have a substantial increase and will exceed the $5,000,000 mark. To this total must be added the costs of operating the seminaries and secondary schools and Waldorf (junior) College which bring the total budgets for the institutions of Christian learning in our Church to the $6,000,000 mark! If these budgets were analyzed it could be seen that our administrators finance these schools with a contingency fund of less than one half of one per cent; something unheard of and feared in the business world! It is truly a work of faith.

III. *New Projects.* None of our institutions have all of the dormitory facilities needed to meet the residential needs of their students and to create the truly Christian community which is a well-defined policy of the Church. Some of our institutions such as St. Olaf are nearing the mark; the others have much farther to go. To meet this need, four of our senior colleges and Waldorf (junior) College have applied to the Federal Government for forty-year loans with which to construct dormitories and pay interest and principle from rental income.

These government loans mark a new era of financing in our colleges. Concordia College is requesting a loan of $500,000; Augustana College, $675,000; Luther Col-

lege, $600,000; Pacific Lutheran College, $1,000,000; Waldorf (junior) College, $150,000. This is a total of $2,925,000 for dormitory construction. In all instances these facilities are sorely needed. None of our administrators are happy to encumber our institutions in this way; yet no recourse remains.

In addition, there are several physical additions contemplated on our campuses which indicate growth and progress. Augustana College is about to begin construction of a library to cost approximately $500,000 from the proceeds of wise investments and a capital fund campaign in the city of Sioux Falls. Waldorf (junior) College was not granted permission to solicit the congregations in its corporate territory for its 50th Anniversary celebration, yet has received more than $40,000 from friends and businessmen in Forest City in honor of that event. Waldorf has also constructed a fine home for its president. The dormitories to be financed from government loans at PLC are under construction.

It should also be said that the general maintenance and upkeep of the educational institutions was never better. In certain instances the improvements in the past few years have been remarkable, with planned programs of refurbishing and remodeling. On each campus every effort is being made to make old buildings fireproof by the installation of sprinkler systems. Heating plants are being improved; better methods of construction are being studied; more functional designs in architecture are being adopted. The general picture and outlook are good.

IV. *Clifton College.* The decline of student enrollment and income at Clifton College caused the Board of Trustees of that institution, in consultation with the Board of Christian Education, to negotiate a merger with Texas Lutheran College at Seguin, Texas, of the American Lutheran Church. Instruction was terminated on January 22, 1954, and that fine little college which has struggled to serve the Church since 1896 closed its doors. The orderly disposal of property and records has been made by President O. G. Salveson. This college property, evaluated at about $225,000, will become a home for the aged. It should be noted that in this merger negotiation, it was necessary for the Board of Christian Education to assume certain contractual and operational obligations for the remainder of the academic year.

V. *Seminars and Workshops.* During the past year the Division of Higher Education sponsored three important workshops in Minneapolis for certain groups of staff members in the schools and colleges of the Church. These three-day workshops, guided by nationally prominent experts in their respective fields, were on Public Relations, Business Management, and Parish Work and the Diaconate. The next series of simil workshops will be designed to deal with the areas work represented by the registrars, deans, nursing ed cation, and other areas.

VII. *LEAF.* The Lutheran Educational Aid Fund w launched about a year ago. It has received an enthusia tic response in many areas of the Church, and abo twenty-five students are now in our colleges with t aid of their congregations. Needless to say, LEAF re resents a potential of student guidance and financi aid which can assist hundreds of our church you to obtain a Christian education. The period of tri is about over and it remains now for the Department Education to launch a full-scale program on this leve

VIII. *The University Idea.* Two years ago the Divisio of Higher Education laid before the faculties of th colleges the concept whereby the future organizatio of higher education in the Church might be a federa university composed of complete, autonomous college The plan seeks to answer the most aggravating que tion confronting us; namely, how to achieve unity whil maintaining our independence. The proposal has bee discussed and a majority of the colleges favor the pr posal. It is hoped that as time passes the minority wi see in the proposal an answer to many of the problem which now confront them, and, in this expression o academic unity within the concept of Christianity, a least give a trial to a plan which is being used s widely in secular education.

IX. *National Trends.*

A. The forecast is for slightly increased enrollment providing there is no outbreak of hostilities in the worl beyond those we now endure.

B. A study is being made to determine if the new federal laws providing educational benefits for veteran of the Korean conflict are encouraging or discouraging veterans to attend private and church colleges.

C. It is apparent that the cost of operation of an educational institution continues to climb, with the resultant creation of problems for the student.

D. The Department of Christian Education is work ing with the Division of Student Service in a survey of its entire financial structure in order to design more effective ways and means of financing this service to Lutheran youth of non-Lutheran campuses.

E. The National Lutheran Educational Conference, composed of the presidents of the seminaries and col leges of the Lutheran church bodies in America, are moving towards some reorganization in order to make their work more effective. In this reorganization is the proposal to study the advantages of having a new divi sion in the National Lutheran Council devoted to Christian Education.

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Parish Education in 1953

J. C. K. Preus

'he close relationship between the church school in the ongregation and the office of the Department of Christian ducation at the headquarters of our Church may not ways be obvious. They may seem to be very far apart. ctually, the work is linked together very closely. The ffice of parish education exists for the benefit of the church hool in the congregation. Only in so far as it helps to evelop an effective program in the congregation, is the arish education office of any consequence.

May we summarize the more important functions and esponsibilities of the Division of Parish Education of our oard of Christian Education. This will point up the sigificance of the office of parish education to the local congregation and its program of Christian instruction and urture. Involved especially is the work in the Sunday hool, the vacation church school, the weekday church hool, and confirmation instruction.

. STUDIES AND RESEARCH

The curriculum of the church school is under almost nstant study by members of the Board and certain mem-ers of the office staff. A Curriculum Seminar for the study nd appraisal of our present courses, textbooks, and manals was conducted in the summer of 1953. A committee f well trained and experienced teachers is working on n over-all revision of our Nursery, Kindergarten, and rimary courses. In the near future an educator with nusual qualifications will join the staff for the purpose f studying and planning a general revision of our total nurch school curriculum. Completion of such a project ill, of course, take years of concentrated study and gruelng work.

. PUBLICATIONS

The preparation and publication of textbooks is a joint ndertaking by the Board of Christian Education and ugsburg Publishing House. During the years in which ne present executive director has served in the department, pproximately seventy textbooks, manuals, and teacher-aining courses have been produced. The responsibility for ne publication of the various Sunday school papers and *he Lutheran Teacher* is shared by the Board and Augsurg Publishing House.

Budget 1953

SALARIES: Director, Staff, Field Workers ...	$19,936.56
TRAVEL: Director, Staff, Field Workers	2,581.14
OFFICE: Utilities, Rent, Supplies	2,535.16
PROMOTION: Periodicals, Printing, Distribution	8,102.37
RESEARCH: Curriculum, Institutes	1,128.64
INSURANCE: Social Security, Pensions	363.61
SUBSIDIES: WCAL, *Lutheran Teacher,* and to Canadian District for Parish Education ..	4,549.53
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HOME:	
STAFF: Minneapolis and Great Falls	9,414.56
TRAVEL	106.01
GREAT FALLS OFFICE—Operation	2,000.00
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL: Radio Time, Program Production	5,517.15
PROMOTION: Printing, Distribution	3,449.76
INSURANCE: Social Security, pensions	214.70
TOTAL	$59,899.19

3. TEACHER-TRAINING

Over a period of nearly twenty years the Board of Education has been trying to gain church-wide participation in a ten-week teacher-training course. Throughout these years a *Ten Study Series* of teacher-training courses has been produced and distributed. This use of the courses continues to be quite general. Approximately twenty thousand copies are distributed annually to the thirty-three thousand teachers and officers working in our Sunday schools. The

course prepared for use in 1954 is *Ten Studies on the Sacraments* by Pastor Alf M. Kraabel.

The Lutheran Teacher is the organ of the Board of Christian Education and is managed editorially by the education office. The present editor is Professor Myron Swanson of Concordia College. Its primary purpose is to further better teaching in our local church schools.

Summer institutes and circuit institutes for church school workers play an important part in the Church's efforts to improve the quality of teaching in the congregations. There are nineteen summer institutes scheduled throughout our Church for 1954. Spring and fall institutes are being set up and will be conducted in nearly all the circuits of the Church.

4. CHURCH-WIDE ORGANIZATIONS

The contact of the education office with our congregations is, generally speaking, through the district committees on parish education and circuit contact men. The district committees meet from time to time as the work may require. Once a year, generally in the early spring, the district committee together with the contact men for Christian education meet in what is known as the District Council. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss, plan, and promote the total program of Christian education in the congregations. A representative of the education office participates in all these meetings. It is his most helpful contact with the principal leaders of Christian education in the districts and circuits. The circuit contact men in turn generally call a meeting of all Sunday school superintendents of their respective circuits and present to them materials, plans, and ideas proposed at the District Council meeting.

5. FIELD WORK

Of the present staff in the education office, two are assigned to field work as their major responsibility; several others are available for occasional appointments. As far as time and physical strength permit these persons are available for participation in circuit and summer institutes, in meetings of teachers and officers in our congregations, in parent-teacher meetings, also for conferences and consultations by appointment or by mail.

6. EXTENSION WORK

The Church is always seeking to reach the unchurched, not least the children. The education office tries to stimulate an annual canvass of the local community. It also endeavors to enroll in its project *Sunday School at Home by Mail and Radio*, children situated where regular Sunday school participation is not possible. Similarly it brings lesson material by mail to children in hospitals, infirmaries, institutions for crippled and handicapped children. Offices in Great Falls; Outlook, Saskatchewan; and Fairbanks, Alaska, are headquarters for this extension work. Now a call comes from our representative in England, who is working with refugee Lutherans in that country—some forty thousand displaced persons. This extension program is the special project of the children of our Church. Their Reformation Day offering provides the needed support.

Five hundred and forty-eight Sunday schools participated in the 1953 offering, contributing a total of $13,200.68. Personal gifts, together with contributions from Ladies Aids, Luther Leagues, Daughters of the Reformation, congregations, and others brought the offering up to a total of $17,699.93. The balance in this fund from 1952 v $6,582.42, making a total fund of $24,282.35. Of t amount $10,000.00 was transferred to the regular accou of Parish Education, leaving a balance of $14,282.35. T generous support for the project insures its continuar through 1954.

7. PROMOTION

General and special promotion of the total program Christian Education is a never-ending function of the ec cation office. The spoken word and the printed word a the vehicles. The church papers carry the message. Specia printed materials receive wide distribution. The Serv Section of this Department is constantly filling orde Occasional mailings go out several times a year to pastors, also to Sunday school superintendents.

8. PLACEMENT SERVICE

The placement of Parish Workers, Parish Visitors a Secretaries, Youth Directors, Teachers of Christian D Schools, Directors of Parish Education, and Christian Ser ice Workers in general has grown into an importa service of the education office. The placement of teachers Lutheran colleges has also become a function of the ed cation office.

When all is said and done the relationship between t congregation and the education office is very close. T education office is here to serve. You are invited to ma use of its staff members, its prepared materials, and facilities in any way they can be of use to you. Its bas program is Christian education in the parish.

Your Schools and Colleges

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F. As we close institutions such as Clifton Colleg it is worthy of note that Lutherans in California wa a college for California, that Lutherans in Vancouv want a Christian high school, and that there is a r surgent interest in Christian education throughout th Church.

X. *Conclusion.* As the new year unfolds with all of i dramatic potentials for the work in the Kingdom, th Church can be assured that its institutions have n wavered from their essential work of integrating Chri tianity and learning, that deep currents of spiritual li flow and ebb on all of our campuses, and that our inst tutions make no apology for the cross they carry tr umphantly in the world of learning.

To move triumphantly is not always an individu matter when the destinies of thousands of students an the welfare of hundreds of families depends upon th stewardship of others. The ever-present powers of th Church-in-prayer and the Word-in-action are neede That power of Jesus Christ is always needed. Toda for all in Christian education in The Evangelical L theran Church, I bespeak your prayers, your confidenc and your support, that such power may continue to b forthcoming in His name.

Occupational Christians

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will it do for me?" but "Where does it fit in the total scheme of things?" The question to be asked first of ny employment is not, "How much a week?" but, Will it put to worthwhile usefulness my aptitudes and bilities and capacities?"

Tonight we are confronted by a fundamental truth f the Christian religion which was uncovered at the ime of the Reformation. Martin Luther rebelled at he idea that really to serve God wholeheartedly meant o leave the world for the shelter of the cloister, the onvent, the monastery. He insisted on good scriptural rounds that the Christian housemaid who sweeps the loor to the glory of God is doing a work just as Chris- ian as the work of a man who honorably occupies a ulpit. Our work is Christian if we serve God in our vork. The only Christian work is work well worth loing well by people who are Christians—people who re in a personal relationship with God through the nerits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

The fellow who gets up in a testimony meeting to alk about his Christian faith and who day after day loes slipshod, careless work in his job downtown is ıot a credit to the Lord Jesus or to His Church. The mployer who makes it difficult for an employee to be Christian in his work is likewise a discredit to the Master and the Church, even though he be a substantial ontributor on Sunday morning. The college student vho gets by with a minimum of effort and who fails to ake advantage of his educational opportunities is in- ulting God. He is un-Christian in his occupation as a tudent, even if he always carries a New Testament nd never misses a prayer meeting and follows rigidly he pattern of conduct imposed on him by the legalists f religion.

Very urgently we need a renewed sense of Christian vocation in our day. Fortunately, we still have the good ews of the Gospel—the way of forgiveness, of restora- ion and transformation. All of us can experience the hrill of Christian work—the reality that adds life to our ears. The eternal God in the Word and Sacraments ntrusted to His holy Church a faith to live by, a self it to live with, a work fit to live for.

There's something helpfully humbling about the New Testament description of Jesus which says, "Knowing that He came from God, and went to God, He took a towel . . . and began to wash the disciple's feet." Jesus constantly lived in awareness of both His origin and His destination. Consequently, He related every task and His whole task to the will of the Father in heaven.

There is a way of making sacred and significant your task in life. There is a way of bringing the outlook of the Eternal into your labor. At the cross of Calvary, Jesus Christ appraised the value of your life and found it worth dying for. It is the Lord who loves you and therefore wants the best for you who says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." It is for your sake, rather than for His sake, that He says it. Our Lord never uses people selfishly. The structural design of our being as human ones calls for God first. When God isn't there, a disturbing frustration is found in His place. The frustration is a symptom of sin. The core of the problem of sin is self-centeredness. All else is marginal. Every self-centered person is trying the impossible—to live comfortably by going against reality, to live happily by living against himself. A house divided against itself cannot stand.

To be a disciple in modernity is to be a Christian who gives obedience to the call of Jesus Christ. What is His call? "Follow me." To follow Christ is to give priority to the will of God in our thinking, in our feeling, in our willing—in our work as well as in our chapel services. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is to have life organized around God as the center. It is to have as one's vocation the seeking first of the Kingdom Eternal.

To ignore the call of Jesus Christ is to choose self-centeredness. The cost of avoiding the surrender of self to the will of God is indicated in the disturbed content of every self-centered life. Focus attention upon yourself and you will end up with a shattered self. Have your own way and you will end up not liking the way you have. Boredom and monotony, regret and remorse, despair and disillusionment, tension and anxiety, fear and worry, resentment and bitterness, self-pity and a pitiable self, joyless pleasure and restless sleep—all of these are included in the high price we pay for avoiding discipleship. There simply is no escaping life's most inescapable truth: "Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

God enable each of us to bow before Him to receive forgiveness for the waywardness of our days and the emptiness of our ways that the dust of earthiness which blinds our vision may be removed and the glory of the Eternal may take its place.

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Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

The Influence of a Great Christian

Franklin Win

Many stories are told of the strong personal appeal of Phillips Brooks. The power of God in a man was never more strikingly illustrated than in the influence of this great preacher. During the years that he filled the pulpit of Trinity Church in Boston, his moving eloquence drew crowds.

The entire city fell under his spell, so much so that the beloved rector was claimed by all and listened to by all, without regard to religious differences and divisions. Methodists and Baptists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Swedenborgians, Episcopalians, Low Church and High, Roman Catholics, Orthodox Greeks, and people of no religion—all testified that his sermons had lifted them to a higher plane of living.

To Methodists, Phillips Brooks was a reminder of their indefatigable leader, John Wesley. To Baptists he stood for the sacredness of individual rights, one of their most cherished tenets. And it was the same with all the other church groups. He spoke to each group as though he were talking in their own particular religious dialect.

When he went to England to preach, the same thing happened all over again. The Nonconformists gave him a rousing welcome, while, on the other hand, the rector of one of London's largest Anglican churches wrote him, "The secret by which you make us high churchmen enthusiastic about you remains unexplained to me."

What was the secret of Phillips Brooks' wide popularity? The trustful, childlike simplicity and complete sincerity of this man reached into every heart. He seemed to have opened his soul in perfect candor to God to let Him use his life to its fullest purpose.

Professor James Bryce had heard all the great preachers of his native England, but none, he declared, spoke so directly to the soul as Phillips Brooks. This celebrated scholar of Glasgow University came on a visit to America, and after hearing the famous preacher in the morning in a New York church, he broke two engagements in order to hear him again in the afternoon and evening.

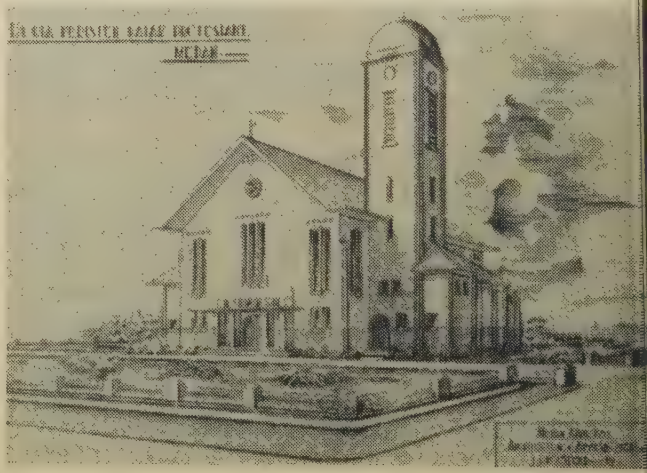
Someone asked him, "How does he compare with your great preachers of Scotland and England?" "It is this way," Professor Bryce replied. "Our great preachers take into the pulpit a bucket, full or half full, of the Word of God, and then by the force of personal magnetism they attempt to convey it to the congregation. But this man is a great water main, attached to the everlasting reservoir of God's truth and grace and love, and streams of life by a heavenly gravitation pour through him to refresh every weary soul."

One of the typical stories of Phillips Brooks had to with the time he spoke to a crowd of young college m At Harvard University a course of lectures had been ranged on the various professions, with leaders fr each field to address the students. But when the rec of Trinity Church arrived to talk about the minist something unexpected happened.

Before a hall jammed with boys, many standing a some even sitting on the window seats, he began caln enough, speaking with the detachment of his predec sors. But then suddenly that mass of young upturn faces lighted a hidden spark within him, and he bu forth, "I can't come here and talk to you of the minist as one of the professions. I must tell you it is the noble and most glorious calling to which a man can gi himself!"

Carried along by his own enthusiasm, he launch into a thrilling account of what it means to be preacher. His words poured forth in a perfect strea and the listeners had never heard one speak of his ow work with such moving eloquence. The effect was profound that one of the faculty members present sa that, at the close, it would not have surprised him if th whole body of young men had spoken up with o voice, "Here am I, send me!"

BATAK PROTESTANTS TO BUILD LARGE CHURCH



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This is an architect's drawing of a 2,000-seat church which is being erected by the Batak Protestant Christian Church of Indonesia. It i located in Medan, the capital town of the Province of North Suma tra. Total cost of building and furnishing the church is estimated a 1,500,000 rupiah, or about $131,000. American Lutherans are sharing in the project through a gift of $5,000 from the Commission o Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions of the National Lutheran Council. The Batak Church, with 600,000 members, is a member o the Lutheran World Federation.

Visiting Boyaca

Gerhard Ostrem

Services are held in the ruins of the chapel at Parpa

After having been driven out of Boyaca because of ersecution, our missionaries are now happy to note a ow development that indicates that we may possibly i the near future resume our mission work in that ea. We are happy to give this report by one of our issionaries who recently visited the Boyaca area. As e rejoice in the present hopeful trend, the grim scars f the past persecution are very evident.

Many of you are acquainted with and have followed ith interest the work in Boyaca. We are happy to re- ort that the work in the part known as the Socota field again moving forward visibly.

It was a great joy to be able to visit that field again fter several years of impossibilities, humanly speaking. he hopes and prayers of all of us have been that the ay would soon arrive when services could again be onducted, and God granted that petition.

One of the believers living out there asked us in eptember if his daughter, who is one of our day school eachers, could go to her home area to do some visita- on and perhaps have a few Bible studies. We were ll very happy for this opening as we had been praying or something like that, and arrangements were made or her to go. God blessed the efforts. People manifested interest. Numbers in attendance increased from that of her immediate family to many outsiders. At the Christmas program more than two hundred people attended.

In March I went there on a visit, together with Mr. Lopez, one of our native workers, and we are happy to say that we had a very blessed time together with the brethren. We saw how God was leading right along. On the way out we also had the joy of witnessing for Christ, as we also did on the return trip.

The week we had at our disposal was filled from beginning to end. During the daytime we went from house to house, having short services or devotions at each place. We found that various had been the experiences of the brethren during the past years. One showed us the scars on his body where the shots fired by the persecutors had hit him. He testified to the glory

e man pictured above with his wife still rries scars from bullets fired during the ersecution.

A couple who has continued faithful despite continued pressure by the Catholic priest in the area.

Don Sixto Porras, another faithful member and a long-time resident of Parpa, with Pastor Ostrem.

of God how the Lord had protected them through and in the midst of it all.

Another family testified to God's strengthening, upholding power. The parents were married by the civil marriage and then by the Evangelical ceremony several years ago when I performed the latter. These latter years hard efforts have been made by the priest to oblige them to be married over again in the Catholic church. But they remained faithful and recognized that God's hand had been upon them. During our visit to their area I baptized their two smaller children, who had been born during the time that none of us pastors could go there. The other two children were baptized before, the older one by me and the other by Pastor Morck.

We visited the day school now functioning in Parpa, directed by Senorita Hilma, one of our consecrated native teachers. She is the one whose father asked in September if she might go home to hold a few Bible studies. We thank God for her. A fine group of about twenty-five children from Evangelical homes attend daily.

In the evenings we had services where large groups gathered together about the Word. The houses were not large enough for all to get in, making it necessary for the rest to stand out in the corridors and yard. The people crowded so near us that we barely had standing room between them. Certainly there was no room for the customary arm movements used by the Colombians so frequently in speaking. I found it necessary to make my way to the door to perch myself directly on the door step in order that the people outside might h the same opportunity to hear as those inside. Wha joy it was to gather together that way with more th two hundred people hungry for the Gospel.

On Sunday evening we had the baptism of ten c dren. It certainly was an impressive scene when parents and witnesses in each case pressed forward. filled our hearts with joy to get to minister to our d people out there again by this means of grace also. also rejoiced in the privilege to gather with and minis to them the Lord's Supper that same Sunday eveni

Sunday morning we had the precious privilege to together under the marvelous celestial canopy in t beautiful nature our Heavenly Father has given us asked them their opinion about going up to the ruins the chapel to have a service. They gave me a unanimo "yes." This chapel, which was the first Evangeli chapel erected in the Department of Boyaca, was d stroyed by bombs three years ago at this same time the year.

At three o'clock that afternoon we met at the "ruin where we had a blessed service of adoration and prai to our Heavenly Father amidst the debris. I admit th from one point of view we were very heavy-hearte seeing that devastation. But then, on the other hand, w were filled with rejoicing when we considered Goo wonderful love and saving and keeping grace. Ho precious to sing together there as we had in La Aguac under the persecution, "My faith looks up to The Thou Lamb of Calvary," and "Faith of our fathers livi still," which in Spanish reads "Give me the faith my Jesus." Several ringing testimonies to the glo of Christ were heard, and a precious season of pray was experienced that afternoon.

Confidence and trust in the Lord was manifested b the brethren in their decision to go forward towards th reconstruction of the chapel in Parpa. They may not b able to get it all done alone, but are trusting that th necessary funds may be coming in as needed.

I told them that I had in mind to send some informa tion about our trip and the work in Parpa to our peo ple in the homelands. They asked me that I also exten to you all their hearty greetings. They are grateful t each one of you that has been praying for them in th past. At least six young people from that region ar at our Bible Institute in Bogota this year.

My Word shall not return unto me void, says ou dear Lord. Do you think that it is returning void fro Parpa? Do you think that the work done there in th past years has been in vain? Do you *believe* that Goo can continue to work there in the rest of the years t come? Are you willing to continue to pray and d whatever God indicates to you for the furtherance o His cause in Parpa and the rest of Colombia?

The day school in Parpa

Ruins of parsonage in Parpa

One Man's Influence

Harold B. Kildahl

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
April 25, 1954
Text: John 21:1-14

The hub of the story is the resurrected Christ's appearance to His disciples. No doubt of that. The disciples were much in need of assurance. They were frightened men, living in a foggy atmosphere, let down, so to speak, and in doubt. Christ's appearance—this is the hub.

But a main spoke in the story can be seen in the person of Peter. You may ask: What was Peter really doing? Only one answer is possible; he was running away from reality. He was doing what a lot of folks have done and what many are doing today—taking refuge in something to divert attention, thought, and life itself away from the stark reality of depressing events, discouraging and despairing facts of life, and the apparent emptiness of the future. "I go fishing," he said, and so saying stalked off to pick up with something familiar. At least there would be some small comfort in going through the mechanical actions of catching fish.

Now consider the influence of one man. Peter's intentions caught fire. The others agreed and responded with, "We go too." Off they went, into the night, but you can be sure that every one of them was rummaging around in his mind for a solid fact, a solid explanation of the cross, the tomb, and the promise of Christ, yet not daring to believe. One man has a great influence on those around him. You see that, don't you? Perhaps you can see also that you have a great influence on those around you, for better or for worse.

Now, it is certainly not the intention of the Lord that men should be permitted to live long in a state of flight or fancy. It is always the intention of Christ that men should face life boldly and honestly. Christ was and is many things, but He is certainly also a realist, and those who follow Him must face real issues, real problems, and meet them with real faith, real courage, and real power. He had a real purpose for Peter and the disciples. To get them "squared around" in life He had to bring them back from the bleak and black despair into which they had wandered. And He did. Peter rushed back to Christ and in Christ rediscovered hope and courage.

There's something here for you. The influence of man apart from Christ is negative. The influence of man centered in Christ is positive. Therefore, friend, consider well—if you shall fulfill the purpose for which your faith is designed, to influence the world of men for Christ, let the resurrected Christ be the hub of your life. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Oscar R. Overby

Old and new congregations are confronted with the problems involved in buying and installing church organs. The pricelessness of the real pipe organ is so historic and significant that it would seem a foregone conclusion that, if at all possible, we would settle for nothing else, no substitute of any kind. Yet electronic instruments of many varieties are invading our sanctuaries in alarming numbers. The main reason seems to be a lack of understanding of the issues—the tone qualities that make the pipe organ unique and the so-called practical selling-points of the electronics. Before the important organ issue is settled, *before the blueprints are endorsed,* the building committee must carefully check several vital points.

The first step involves the architect. Has he made ample provision for installation of pipes and console? Are these in the right location to support the choir, the congregational song, the chanting, the soloist? Are the dimensions adequate for the pipes, and for possible future additions of pipes? Is the organ protected from undue temperature changes? Have the acoustics of the church been scientifically planned?

If the architect has failed on these points, on providing for music in general, and the new church is already under construction, it is usually too late to make amends. So it is extremely important that these matters be ironed out on the blueprints. Some architects, we are told, ignore the pipe organ as an extinct nuisance that modern man has outlived. It is much easier to find room for the speaker-box of an electronic model, so they strongly encourage congregations to forget the old fashioned pipe organ. Some of them will, in like manner, recommend a divided chancel choir as the logical setting to insure architectural balance. This is tragically deplorable and should prompt building committees and music committees to be on the alert. The very atmosphere of worship and the house of worship is sensitively tuned and determined by the music. It can make or break the moments of praise and prayer.

Other issues to consider concern purchase prices and maintenance. Here much misinformation prevails. More about this point in the next issue. The real pipe organ is now available at moderate cost. Stewardship is involved. But the greatest consideration has to do with the "soul" of the instrument, the quality of music it produces. This naturally is the most difficult point to explain and to appreciate, yet it is all-important. Consciously or unconsciously, the spirit of rank and file is profoundly influenced by the voice of the organ.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Heste

TOWARD THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The Epistle: I Peter 5:1-4

The Gospel: John 21:15

Monday, April 26
HIS WORKMANSHIP

Read Ephesians 2:4-10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The Word of God makes it clear that no man by his own power can recreate himself. He cannot change from what he is to what God wants him to be. He cannot rebuild himself so that he becomes a child of God. To say that he is able to do so is as foolish as it would be for a statue to say, "I used to be nothing but a piece of marble; but see what a beautiful statue I have made of myself!"

Man is not a statue. He is a living, breathing soul. And if in his heart he knows that he is a child of God, he admits that it is God's workmanship that has made it so. It is the fine chisel of the loving Father that makes men new, out of the riches of His grace. Confessing this, we live according to it, letting our faith bear daily fruit.

Continue Thy workmanship in us. Amen.

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Tuesday, April 27
THE WAY HOME

Read John 14:1-6

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me."

A band of early western pioneers were sent out from the mother colony to make a new settlement to the south. They had easy going over the level prairies and suffered only from heat on the wastelands. But they were stopped in their tracks when they came to an impossible canyon. Scouts were sent in both directions to see if there was a "way around." But the canyon, created by a river extended endlessly to the left and the right. By sheer effort and daring a trail was dug down one side of the canyon wall and up the other and the party crossed over.

Every individual is a "pioneer" setting out for the Father's House. He is on the way home. Those who know the Father know also the bridge over the canyon of sin. The way home first in life and some day in death, is through Christ. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." There is a way home!

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Wednesday, April 28
THE SHEPHERD

Read Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall want.

This beautiful Psalm is like a wond ful cathedral, yet it is also like a vill church. It is as simple as the prayer a child but it is more profound than a philosophy. It is centuries old, yet it is fresh as today. It is more than a beauti poem because, in it, with it, and throu it are the words of truth, comfort, a life. This is the Shepherd Psalm. It s forth Jesus, who gives loving care to H flock.

A little boy, hearing a student ho from school recite this Psalm, was deep impressed. Secretly, he dreamed of the d he would do as well. When he grew u he learned that reciting the Psalm a knowing the Shepherd of the Psalm w two different things. When the Lord truly seen as the Shepherd, the Psal comes into the dimension of truth th brings a recitation of praise from t heart. How good it is to know we ha safe leading in all of life; in the here a in the hereafter.

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Thursday, April 29
THE CONSTANT GLOW

Read Revelation 2:1-5

"But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember then from what you have fallen, repent and do the works you did at first."

The Church of Ephesus had lost its warmth. While it had many things to its credit, the fire that was kindled when the Gospel was first proclaimed among them had burned low. The love they had now was not like the love they had at first. As a result they were not expressing themselves with "good works" as before. For this reason they were warned to repent and remember that they had fallen from a condition of warmth necessary to please God. They were told to maintain the constant glow.

Remembrance of God's love is needful to keep alive and glowing our love to Him. A helpful practice is to each day think about the wonder of His love and its transforming power. Then, with fresh fuel added to the fire of devotion, we set our hands to the doing of deeds to His glory and honor. Our love must have a steady, constant glow.

Friday, April 30
GOOD FISHING

Read John 21:1-14

He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it and . . . were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of fish.

True, this miraculous catch of fishes was a sign to the disciples that it was the risen Christ who spoke to them from the shore. But here also is a plain demonstration of the fact that with Christ, fishing is always good. Unless we have Christ with us, the question, "Children, have you any fish?" must be answered with an empty "No." The waters of life are stubborn. They do not give up huge catches to any one who does his fishing alone.

The secret is obedience to Christ. The "right side of the boat" was not much unlike the left side, but those were the directions, and the disciples followed them. The catch came from the same lake which before yielded nothing. The men were the same, except they were obedient to the Master.

Whether we shall have an empty life or a full life is answered here.

Saturday, May 1
IN HIS CARE

Read Ezekiel 34:11-16

"I myself will be the shepherd of m sheep. . . . I will seek the lost, and I wi bring back the strayed, and I will bin up the crippled, and I will strengthen th weak, and the fat and the strong I wi watch over. . . ."

In this prophetic utterance, God pre sents Himself as the Shepherd who tend to the wants of the flock. Two things ar impressed upon us: God is sufficient t every need and He takes a personal in terest in every sheep. God knows me, an He knows my need. He asks us to believ in that, and trust it.

To put ourselves in His care is to fin peace and rest in the midst of a troublec world. While all the passengers of storm-tossed vessel showed their fran terror, one of them remained perfectly calm. Asked how he was able to do it he simply confessed his Christian faith In all my living, God can give me balance He does this if I resign myself to Him and follow Him.

Whatever our need or burden, help us, O God, to bring it to Thee. Amen.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olson

ULLES SEES NO ATICAN TIES

cretary of State John Foster Dulles ted at a recent press conference that ere were no plans to resume relations tween the United States and the itican. He was asked: "Mr. Secre- y, will you give us the Administra- n's position on relations with the itican? Are there any plans for set- g up either direct or personal rela- ns with the Holy See? Do you see lues in such an association?" Mr. ulles replied: "I know of no plans to er the present situation."

In February it was disclosed that nder Secretary of State Walter Bedell nith had declared that he "personal- ' favored the re-establishment of ome kind of formal relations" with e Vatican. He called such a relation- ip "advantageous."

UTHERAN LEADERS AT /ANSTON ASSEMBLY

eading Lutheran churchmen of the orld will have a prominent share in e proceedings of the Second Assem- y of the World Council of Churches Evanston, Illinois, in August, ac- rding to program announcements. eaders of Lutheran or Lutheran-affil- ted Churches will be either chair- en or speakers at seven of the eleven enary sessions of the Assembly which ill be open to general visitors. In- uded are Professor Edmund Schlink Germany; Archbishop Brilioth of veden; Bishop Eivind Berggrav of orway; Dr. Frederick Nolde of the .L.C.A.; Dr. Rajah Manikam of In- a; Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president the U.L.C.A.; Dr. Martin Niemoel- r and Dr. Reinhold von Thadden of ermany.

ELIGIOUS LIBERTY SUE IN DANCING

n inquiry into the reason for the signation of Miss Josephine Branton om the Santa Fe (N. M.) public hool system prompted the editor of *he Baptist New Mexican* to raise the ue of religious liberty. He charged that the basis of the teacher's resignation was her objection to dancing, and to the necessity of teaching dancing. He observed that dancing instruction is a common requirement of public schools but deplored any instance of "teaching against religious scruples." "In the field of morals," he said, "the state has run surreptitiously over the rights of the Church in legalizing whiskey, gambling, and other actions which discriminate against the Church and her idealism. Now, add one more, violate her tenet on religious liberty, and we have step by step moved to void much that is dear to the hearts of a free people."

BENEFIT GAS SALE

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One day's net profit from the sale of gasoline was turned over to the rebuilding fund of St. Matthew's Episcopal church in Liverpool, N. Y., by the owner of an auto service station. Total sale for the day was 3,000 gallons. Here, the Rev. John D. Hughes, rector of St. Matthew's, has his car filled by the station owner, Hugh R. Kent. Mr. Kent is one of a number of business people and community groups who are aiding in the reconstruction of the church, badly damaged by a recent fire.

CONGRESSMEN DISCUSS SERMON THEMES

A ranking member of the House Committee on the District of Columbia, Rep. A. L. Miller (R.-Nebr.), took occasion in a House speech to rebuke several Washington, D. C., clergymen for preaching about slum clearance and home rule for the capital city. He complained because they "took off their ecclesiastical robes and put on political robes and castigated Congress because we did not do something about home rule and the slums."

"While I suppose ministers of the Gospel can say anything they want to," he said, "it would suit me better if they would stay with the Bible and stay out of the political arena, because when they get in the political arena they are going to find themselves in some pretty fast and unfamiliar company."

House Minority Leader John W. McCormack (D.-Mass.) defended the right of the ministers to discuss such topics. He told the House: "When the day comes that priests, ministers, and rabbis must close their mouths against conditions that are affecting the souls and bodies of human beings, a bad state of affairs will arise."

Some of the clergymen involved replied by saying, "Clergymen are staying right with the Bible. In condemning social evils, they're following the example of Old Testament prophets," and "I hope the day will never come when clergymen will not discuss basic human needs and civic problems." Another said, "Congressman Miller's antiquated conception of the area of religious concern is almost as deplorable as the existence of the slums themselves."

RALLY PLANS FREE OF PLEDGE

The East German government, when announcing the German Evangelical Church Day rally to be staged at Leipzig next July 7-11, reported that permission for it was made conditional upon acceptance of certain stipulations. These were said to include the Church Day movement obligating itself not to tolerate at the rally any statements or actions supporting the West German government's European defense policy or which are "otherwise contrary to

LAY WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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Mrs. Harper Sibley of Rochester, N. Y., former president of the United Council of Church Women, was named "lay woman of the year" by Church Management magazine. She is vice-president of the Japan International Christian University Foundation and a member of the National Board of the YMCA. In 1945 she was named "American mother of the year." The award will be presented May 1-2 at Washington, D.C.

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the peace policy of the Soviet Zone government."

Officials of the Church Day movement (DEKT) have been quick to deny these reports of a political pledge which created the impression the Church had bought approval for holding the rally in East Germany. The executive committee made it clear that there had simply been a restatement to East German officials of a basic principle of the movement which is that all DEKT rallies have been and will continue to be "of purely church character."

"The German Evangelical Church Day movement," the executive committee said, "has never allowed itself to be tied politically, and it will follow this principle at Leipzig. The atmosphere of so large an Evangelical gathering does not condone any political agitation."

CHURCHES CRITICIZED ON SEGREGATION

In Maryland the Governor's Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations has pointed its finger at the churches for holding segregated services. Its annual report said, "The churches in the counties too often content themselves with special interracial days and other special efforts, on which occasions they pay apparent lip service to the ideal of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. The service is not, unfortunately, translated into the communion of believers. Religion in the counties of Maryland remains largely as a segregated worship of a unified God."

The report continued, "It remains one of the great tragedies of human relations in Maryland and in other states that the chief agency of morality and ethics of the nation is itself too often derelict in its clear obligation to bring into being by example as well as by precept, the goals of religion."

LAYMAN OF THE YEAR

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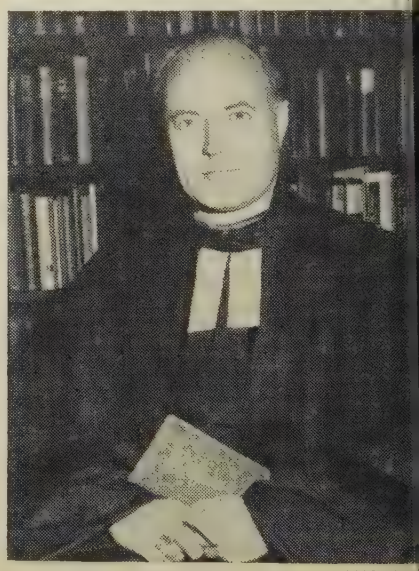
R. G. LeTourneau of Longview, Texas, millionaire manufacturer of earth-moving equipment and one of the country's leading lay evangelists, was named "layman of the year" by Church Management magazine. The award, given annually, will be presented during the fourth annual Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen to be held in Washington, D.C., May 1-2. Mr. LeTourneau, who averages about 300 religious talks a year, has been called "God's business man" because of the activities of the LeTourneau Foundation he started in 1935.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Neva Jane Langley of Lakeland, Florida, "Miss America" of 1953, told high school and college students at Mi... that the Christian training recei... from her parents enabled her to w... stand the temptations confronting... beauty queen. . . . The Luthe... Church of Hong Kong has been ... ganized with Dr. Peng Fu, for... leader of the Lutheran Church ... China, as president. Organization t... place at a meeting of seventy re... sentatives from twenty-two congre... tions and preaching places that h... been established in Hong Kong si... Lutheran missions were forced out... China proper in 1948. . . . Rep. Don... L. Jackson (R.-Calif.), a candidate ... re-election, said he would make ... criticism of Methodist Bishop G. Bro... ley Oxnam a major issue in his ca... paign. . . . Dr. E. Stanley Jones ... challenged a statement by Home M... ister Kailash Nath Katju of India t... Christian missionaries in that coun... should not try to convert Indians, s... ing, "Conversion is indispensable in t... East as well as in the West."

CLERGYMAN OF THE YEAR



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Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor of the Na... tional Presbyterian Church, Washingto... D.C., was named "clergyman of the year... by Church Management magazine. Dr. E... son has occupied the pulpit of the Wash... ington church since 1946. President an... Mrs. Eisenhower are members of the congre... gation. He is president of the Washingto... Federation of Churches, vice-president o... the Military Chaplains Association of th... U.S., and Washington Chaplain of the Mi... itary Order of World Wars.

nvesting for the Lord's Work

hrough the season of Lent, and especially during Holy Veek, we followed our Savior step by step from the pper Room to the Cross, where we heard, "It is finhed." We sang:

I gave, I gave My life for thee,
What hast thou given for Me?

Through instruction in our youth and through the iurch year, we are taught the way of salvation, the ay to Him who is the way, the truth, and the life, ie way that leads to our Father's House where there are iany mansions.

In giving our hearts to Him the longing grows to do omething materially also that might promote the cause or which He gave Himself. Setting aside a certain mount for the Abiding Memorial Foundation helps to romote the soul-saving work of our Church and at ie same time provides for the donor a guaranteed icome.

A number of older people who no longer can take are of their farms have given them to the Church. he Church in turn pays the donor a good rate of iterest, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, ased on an estimated value of the property. Cash ontributions for this fund have been received in amounts from one hundred dollars to three hundred thousand dollars. Laboring together with the Lord, a number are laying aside annually certain amounts, increasing the amount that will be left by them at the time of their departure from this life for the cause designated, and at the same time increasing their own income during their lifetime.

Many like to set aside a little for the Lord's work but at the same time need an income from the investment. Why not relieve yourself of the worry of how you can make safe investments or have that farm or other property bring a sure income for yourself and finally continue to serve in the Kingdom work when your day's work is over? In this way you are erecting for yourself, or for some dear one gone before, an abiding memorial and are immortalizing some of the material blessings which have been entrusted to you as well as helping the Church in the greatest enterprise ever given to man: "Go ye unto all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

For further information write:

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Correspondence

"OUR MEN READ IT"

►I am the Protestant chaplain at this Veterans' Administration center and wish to thank you for the subscription o your valuable weekly magazine which has been coming o us for some time now! It is placed in the reading rack n our library, and I often see our men reading it. We have early 800 men here most all the time, and you can rest ssured that your magazine is enjoyed at this Veterans' dministration center.

Thanking you on behalf of our men, I remain,

(The) Rev. St Clair Vannix
Hot Springs, S. Dak.

RESOLUTION FROM TEXAS BROTHERHOOD

►At the last meeting of the San Antonio Area Lutheran rotherhood, held at San Antonio, Texas, the following esolution was adopted:

esolved, That

(1) We express our deep gratitude to God for the great y and satisfaction that we experienced in the adoption the "Blueprint" for a greater Lutheran Church by the Joint Union Committee of the four Negotiating Bodies.

(2) We encourage the Joint Union Committee to continue its work with renewed zeal and alacrity so that by 1956 the Greater Lutheran Church may be ready to function, organically united.

(3) We ask Dr. O. G. Malmin and Dr. Edward W. Schramm to publish this resolution with appropriate comment in the Lutheran Herald and the *Lutheran Standard*, respectively.

Hilmer Bartling
Secretary, San Antonio Area Brotherhoods

WANTED—A PROPHETIC VOICE

►Never was the Church of Christ more thoroughly and efficiently organized than today. Seldom has the Church been so lacking in virile and courageous leadership, ready and willing to speak for God with the tone of spiritual authority employed by the prophets. For the most part, the prophetic note is being struck by a few men who are free from ecclesiastical restraints. These men are without the camp and are not greatly influencing the thinking nor molding the policies and programs of the Church. But it is the Church that needs to hear the voice of divine authority and the unmistakable command to carry out the purposes of God for the present hour. Is it possible that, when Jesus said (Luke 18:8), "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" He was contemplating the moral apathy and spiritual lethargy of the present day?

What manner of man is needed to lead the Church in

a crisis such as ours? To such a question some would answer, "He must be one schooled in modern pyschology and psychiatry to be able to deal with the fears and anxieties so prevalent in our day. He must be a man of education, culture, refinement, and oratorical skill so that he may gain the confidence of the leaders of modern society." While these are attainments and abilities not to be despised, they are in themselves qualifications far from adequate for the kind of leadership required now. For a meaningful answer to this question, we must turn back to the pages of Holy Writ and to the History of the Christian Church. There we will find that the prophetic note has always been struck by those who knew themselves to be men of God. The prophets, apostles, evangelists, and leaders of spiritual revival in every age have been those who have had one consuming desire and ambition, namely to be servants of God. They were never those seeking popularity, personal success, or material gain. They have been men steeped in the Word of God, convinced of the holiness and justice of God as well as of His love. And because they unders the true nature of man's sin, they were able to preach Gospel of God's grace with such self-abandonment devotion to God as to convict their hearers of sin and vert them to God. Some who read these lines may "This is a hard saying; who can hear it?" It is hoped others may say, "This is indeed the unvarnished truth, by God's grace I am determined to accept it for m and be a voice for God in the midst of the noise and fusion of our modern Babel."

(The Rev.) Eric Edwin Paulsc
Minneapolis, Minn.

The Correspondence page is intended to be an open for for the use of our readers. The views expressed on this p are those of the writers, with which the editor may or not agree. Brief letters on pertinent subjects are invited goes without saying that nothing contrary to the teach of the church will be accepted.

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PERSONS

Frank Pooler, choir director at Francis Shimer College, Mt. Carroll, Ill., has contracted with First Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minn., to be its minister of music for one year. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College and has since his graduation (in 1948) been studying music at various institutions, during the summer of 1953 at the University of Oslo. He is the composer of several choral anthems, some of these being published by Augsburg Publishing House.

Norman Landvik, senior at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, has accepted a call to the Bakke-Egeland-Richwood parish at Detroit Lakes, Minn. He will be ordained May 16 at St. Paul's Church in Minneapolis.

The Rev. Peter H. Elstad, pastor of Trinity Church, Jersey City, N. J., was recently elected president of the Lutheran Welfare Council of Greater New York.

The Rev. Edmund Beaver, formerly of Clifton, Texas, was on March 28 installed as pastor of Waterloo Church, Dorchester, Iowa.

Miss Marie Koren, Decorah, Iowa, a daughter of the late Dr. V. Koren, celebrated Sunday, March 28, her 80th birthday, in the parish house of Washington Prairie Church.

The Rev. Magnus Anderson, who during the past year has served Calvary Church in Modesto, Calif., in addition to Our Saviour's in Patterson, Calif., preached Feb. 28 his farewell sermon in the latter congregation. He is now serving Calvary Church in Modesto only, but will continue to live in the Patterson parsonage until the middle of June. Our Saviour's Church in Patterson has voted a gift of $500 to the year-old congregation in Modesto and also an additional $100 a month during the interim period.

The Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin R. Maakestad, Conrad, Montana, were recently given a substantial check toward the purchase of a new automobile, by Golden West Church, one of the congregations served by Pastor Maakestad. The presentation was made at a regular Family Night meeting of the congregation.

The Rev. Lowell O. Larson, pastor of First Lutheran Church, Morris, Minn., has accepted a call to be associate pastor of Bethel Church, Madison, Wis.

The Rev. Joel E. Nelson, pastor of the Colman-Midway parish, Colman, S. Dak., has accepted a call to Our Saviour's parish, near Clifton, Texas, and will move there toward the end of June.

The Rev. Magnus E. Lutness, Hettinger, N. Dak., has accepted a call to Trinity Church, Bismark, N. Dak. He will begin his ministry there July 18.

The Rev. Arnold Hagen, pastor of First Lutheran Church, Vancouver, B. C., gave a Lenten meditation March 21 over the Canadian "Church of the Air."

Mr. Tsang, a student from Hongkong, will during the coming school year be a scholarship student at the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, Camrose, Alta.

The following Luther Seminary seniors have accepted calls within the North Dakota District: Edwin Bersagel to Hannaford, Percy Ensrude to Alamo, Robert Boxrud to Sarles, P Tengesdal to Buford-Trenton, E Grefsrud to Noonan, Robert Grin land to Tuttle, Harold Ward to Ch tine, Einar Lenander to Englev Gordon Hendrichson to Lignite, a Douglas Thorkelson to Parshall as sistant.

The Rev. Joseph O. Coughlin, Pa N. Dak., has accepted a call to Vel N. Dak.

Pastors Joseph Johnson, Jamesto N. Dak., and **C. M. Fosmark,** Do las, N. Dak., have resigned from th respective parishes, to retire from active parish ministry.

These Luther Seminary seniors ha accepted calls to Pacific District p ishes: Lowell Knutson to Edson, W ley D. Tollefson to Winslow on Ba bridge Island, and Orville Mosbo Cathlamet on Puget Island, all in t state of Washington.

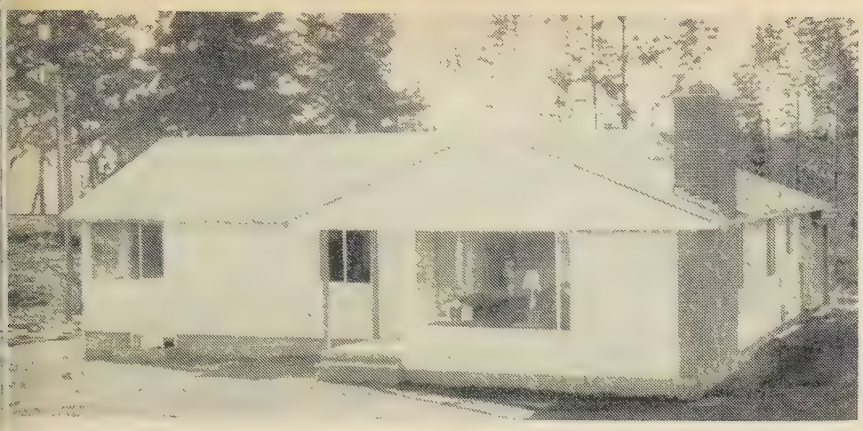
Olaf Magis, a Luther Seminary se ior, will be ordained May 23 Trinity Church, Parkland, Wash., on call to Westby, Montana. He is a n tive of Latvia and came to Parkla some years ago from Europe.

Sheryl Lynn Reque, infant daugh of Mr. and Mrs. David Reque, Dec ah, Iowa, died March 19 at Rochest Minn. The father, a senior at Luth College, is a son of the Rev. and M Paul S. Reque, Redwood Falls, Min

The golden wedding of Mr. a Mrs. Andrew B. Nelson, former re dents of Lake Preston, S. Dak., w celebrated March 19 at St. Pau Church, Minneapolis. Among childr of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson is the Re Harold I. Nelson, Ottawa, Ill.

The Rev. J. L. Redal, who is se

DEDICATION OF WASHINGTON PARSONAGE



n Sunday, March 28, the new parsonage of the Silverdale parish in the state of Washing-n was dedicated by Dr. H. L. Foss, president of the Pacific District. The home costs 5,800, an amount loaned the young parish by the ELC Home Mission Department. e Silverdale parish consists of three congregations: rural Island Lake and Vinland urches, and the congregation in Silverdale. Incorporated four years ago, the Silverdale hurch has now a membership of 210; it became self-supporting in February, 1952. The ev. Ragnar Teigen is pastor of the Silverdale parish.

g as interim pastor of Trinity hurch, Parkland, Wash., was hon-ed on March 29 by Trinity Church nd the Pacific Lutheran College fac-ty, the occasion being his 80th birth-ty. Among the speakers was Dr. S. C. astvold, first vice president of The vangelical Lutheran Church, who on half of the congregation presented astor Redal with a generous purse. rinity Church's new pastor, **the Rev. rling Thompson,** formerly of Hills, linn., will be installed May 2 by Dis-ict President Foss.

The Rev. H. E. Rasmussen, Jr., pas-r since 1950 at Armstrong, Iowa, is present serving as interim pastor First Lutheran Church in Minot, . Dak. Later the family will move to loorhead, Minn. Pastor Rasmussen ill be succeeded at Armstrong by **larlan Blockhus,** a senior at Luther eminary, St. Paul, after graduation nd ordination.

The Rev. H. E. Rasmussen, Sr., who ill be 87 years old May 13 has moved om Armstrong, Iowa, to Rapid City, Dak.

Two ELC clergymen will be among ie teachers at the third summer ses-on of the Lutheran Bible Institute in eattle: **the Rev. Erman K. Lunder,** ean of the Seattle school, during the rst half of the session, June 12-July 5; **and Dr. O. Gornitzka** of the Min-eapolis school faculty during the sec-nd half, July 17-Aug. 20.

At the 1954 Ashram of the Lutheran tudent Association of America, sched-led to meet Aug. 28-Sept. 3 at Inter-chen, Mich., the following ELC men ill be among the speakers: **Dr. Fred-k A. Schiotz,** executive secretary of the National Lutheran Council's Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions; **Dr. Howard Hong** of the St. Olaf College faculty; and **Dr. George Aus,** Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul. **The Rev. Robert Larsen,** newly appointed NLC assistant director of Public Relations, will serve as Ashram manager.

The Rev. Peder Nordsletten, Viroqua, Wis., was given a new automobile by his parish, while he was convalescing from a major operation.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

New Era, Mich. In Trinity congregation, parish of the Rev. David Lovaas, took place a rather unusual event: the baptism of seven children, all members of the same family. The names of all begin with the initial J.

Chippewa Falls, Wis. Rural Bateman Church of the Chippewa Falls parish has made the following improvements of its church building during the last two years: Constructed a new front entrance; painted the exterior and reshingled the roof; refinished the interior, including sanding and refinishing of floor; installed new heating system, oil furnace; remodeled and painted basement, including improvement of dining room and kitchen facilities; provided new roadside sign. Last Christmas the congregation received 44 new members. Services and Sunday school are held at eight o'clock Sunday mornings. Pastor of the Chippewa Falls parish is the Rev. Clayton C. Engan.

Southern Minnesota

Morris, Minn. First Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. Lowell O.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK AT SAN DIEGO

As mentioned earlier in these columns, the Rev. Gaylerd Falde, president of the Pacific District, was the speaker at Religious Emphasis Week services held March 14-19 at U. S. Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif. His general theme was "Christ, the Hope of the World" at evening services. At noon devotionals he spoke on "Marching on to Victory." Participating actively in the series of meetings were the following men shown in the accompanying picture: (first row, left to right): Admiral Geo. C. Dyer, commandant of the 11th Naval District; President Falde; Admiral Thornton C. Miller, district chaplain; (second row): L. B. Dohrmand and Ray Farness, Protestant chaplains at the station; Capt. W. F. Rodee, commanding officer; Senior Chaplain J. P. Murphy; Staff Chaplain S. H. Shears; and Commander Paige Knight, executive officer of the station.

Larson, will celebrate its 75th anniversary on May 9, exactly 75 years after the newly organized congregation held its first business meeting. The sermon at the morning service will be given by Dr. Howard Hong of St. Olaf College. In the evening the speaker will be the Rev. E. S. Ede, a former pastor of the parish.

Rochester, Minn. Gloria Dei Church observed its first anniversary March 28. The topic of the pastor's sermon was "Twelve Months With God." Over 200 worshipers were present. In addition to singing by a senior choir, a new junior choir of 32 voices sang. The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Shefveland, announced that 100 family units, numbering 321 persons, were about to join the church. The Sunday school has 127 pupils. The congregation became self-supporting only nine months after its organization.

North Dakota

Fargo, N. Dak. According to "Church Notes from the Great Plains," issued by President Tallakson of the North Dakota District, $30,000 have been voted in support of a new parish in the southwest section of Fargo, by churches in the Fargo Circuit. At the time $85,000 more was needed.

South Dakota

Oldham, S. Dak. Oldham Church, parish of the Rev. M. E. Ulring, inaugurated the construction of a new church and educational building with ground breaking exercises April 4. The Rev. J. B. Shefveland and Dr. Oscar C. Hanson took part in the service.

Isabel, S. D. A new congregation, named Our Redeemer's Church, has been organized in this town. Its pastor is the Rev. Arne E. Kvaalen.

Rocky Mountain

Conrad, Montana. During 1953 Pondera Valley Church, parish of the Rev. B. R. Maakestad, received 120 new members, 52 through baptism and 42 through adult confirmation. Two adult classes are currently receiving instruction in the two congregations of the parish: Pondera Valley in town and rural Golden West. When members of these classes are confirmed the number of adult confirmands in the parish will exceed 60 since the middle of October, 1953.

California

San Diego, Calif. A new congregation, Clairemont, which is to be formally organized May 16, is already erecting a new church and held cornerstone laying services March 14. The Rev. C. O. Larson is the pastor of this congregation-in-the-making.

Canada

Winnipeg, Man. Circle II of Our Saviour's Church Ladies Aid recently observed the fiftieth anniversary of the organization. Speakers were Mrs. Margit Cleven and the Rev. G. A. Selbo, pastor loci. One charter member, Mrs. Downy, and ladies who had been members of the organization twenty years or more were guests of honor at the celebration.

Midale, Sask. On March 21, when seven junior confirmands were confirmed in Bethlehem Church, parish of the Rev. Erik Haave, seven adults were also confirmed, after a period of instruction. One of the juniors, five of the adults, and a teen-age girl were baptized. In the evening the Luther League held a reception meeting in welcome of the newly confirmed. Bethlehem Church erected last year a new parsonage, by the aid of a Church Extension loan, which it is steadily repaying.

Round Hill, Alta. The Trondhjem Church of Round Hill was recently moved, intact, to a new location, where it was placed on a newly constructed basement. This church is a part of the Kingman parish, served by the Rev. O. Henry Haugen.

New Westminster, B. C. An organ concert was held Feb. 21 in Trinity Church, parish of the Rev. J. B. Haave, after the installation of a new Wurlitzer electric organ. Guest speaker was the Rev. I. J. Saugen of Nidaros Church, New Westminster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Typists and general clerical for permanent positions. Also experienced dictaphone operator. Contact Mr. C. L. Nasby, Augsburg Publishing House, 426 South 5th Street, Minneapolis 15, Minn.

Park River Circuit LDR will meet April 25, 3:00 p.m., in Grafton, N. Dak. Speaker: Missionary Valborg Torkelson from Colombia.

Story City Circuit WMF will meet May 4 at Randall, Iowa. Speakers: Pastors Conrad Halvorsen and F. M. Ericksen.

For Sale: LUTHERAN FAVORITES, cook book featuring smorgasbord, gift edition, $2.00. Order from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Osceola, Nebr.

Texas Circuit WMF will meet 20 at Our Saviour's Church, Cl Texas. Dr. O. G. Malmin will on the merger. Other speakers: Mr T. Jenson and Pastors C. E. Jo and E. Jorgenson.

The next National Lutheran Co Conference on Evangelism will be Jan. 27-30, 1955, in Milwaukee, Before the conference, from the the 26th of January, all NLC pa within a 50-mile radius of Milwa will conduct Preaching-Teach Reaching missions.

Pelican Valley Circuit WMF meet May 14 at Barnesville, M Guest speaker: Miss Alice Sanne.

Sioux City Circuit WMF will April 27 at Riverside Church in S City, Iowa.

Wanted: A Norwegian New T ment with Psalms. Write to Mr M. Hulst, 304 Sheridan St., Crook Minn.

Milaca Circuit WMF will meet 11 at Pine River, Minn. Speaker: R. O. Storvick.

Arrowhead Circuit WMF will May 11 at Our Saviour's Churc Duluth, Minn. Speaker: the Rev. S art Dale and Miss Elaine Tracy.

Chicago Circuit WMF will April 20 at Park View Church in cago. Speakers: representatives of colleges.

Bible camp for women will be by Women's Missionary Federation Milaca, Glenwood, and Park Re Circuits June 13-18 at Luther C Bible Camp, near Alexandria, M Teachers: Miss Eleanor Bjorkman, Pastors Wilson Fagerberg and B hard Helland, both of them mem of the LBI faculty. No advance re tration necessary.

Los Angeles Circuit WMF will m April 27 at Santa Monica, Calif. Spe er: Dr. S. C. Eastvold.

Rice Lake Circuit WMF will m May 4 at Bethany Church, Rice La Wis.

Mitchell Circuit YPLL will hold spring convention April 25 at Mitch S. Dak. Speaker: Dr. L. A. Piers In the evening there will be a con by the Augustana College Choir.

WMF of Dillon, Montana, has ra brocade material in liturgical co available for altar hangings. Reas able prices. Samples sent on requ Write Mrs. Alfred W. Golde, 441 K tucky Ave., Dillon, Montana.

Austin Circuit WMF will meet Spring Valley, Minn., May 5. Speak

: Rev. Bernt Opsal and Mrs. Carroll nderlie.

The Lutheran Mission to Israel will ld its fourth annual convention at manuel Church, Story City, Iowa, ıy 1-2. Among the speakers will be stor C. S. Lystig, Henry N. Hansen, as Newman, A. G. Lewis, Herman Jorgensen, and Dr. Robert H. Bøyd.

Lakota Circuit WMF will meet April at Fordville, N. Dak.

Milwaukee Circuit WMF will meet ıy 13 at Our Saviour's Church, Mil- ukee, Wis.

First Lutheran Church, Colton, S. k. will observe its 75th anniversary ıe 16-20. There will be three serv- s on Sunday, the 16th, and a service h night the following four week- ys.

Spend your vacation at beautiful een Lake, Minn. Sand beaches, clear ter, good boating and fishing; mod- ı cabins, all sizes. No liquor stores ng the shores. While vacationing at een Lake you are invited to make ɔn Lutheran Church at Spicer your ırch home.

Goodhue Circuit WMF will meet ıy 7 at Faribault, Minn.

Golden Gate Circuit WMF will meet ɔril 24 at the Norwegian Lutheran urch, San Francisco, Calif.

Golden Gate Circuit Brotherhood ll meet April 24 at Trinity Church, ı Francisco, Calif.

Grand Forks Circuit LDR will meet ıy 2, 2:30 p.m. at Our Saviour's urch, Hillsboro, N. Dak. Speaker: ssionary Evelyn Lovaas.

Rock Valley Circuit WMF will meet ɔril 27 at Belview, Minn. Speaker: . Edward Larson.

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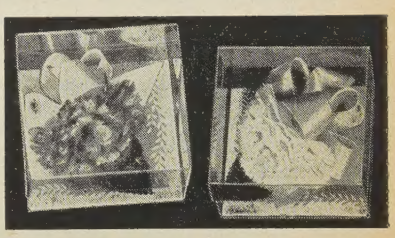

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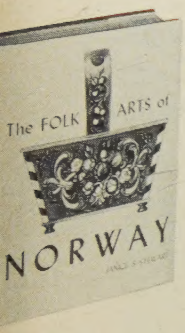

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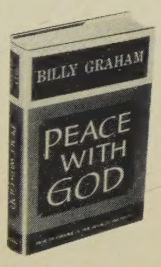

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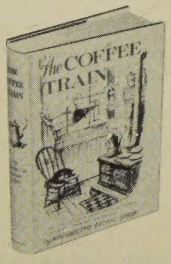

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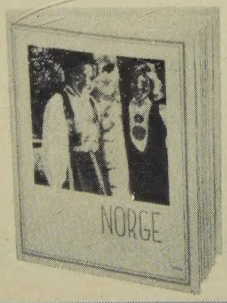

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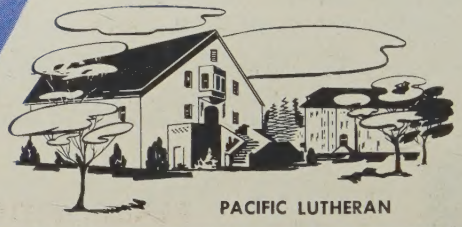

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